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**REMARKS**

This amendment responds to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 9, 2005. Claims 1-13 have been allowed and Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowance with respect to these claims.

Applicant further thanks the Examiner, Robert Siconolfi, for the telephone interview with Applicant's representative, David W. Dorton, on May 2, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner's amendment set forth in the Notice of Allowance was discussed. In particular, Applicant's representative indicated that the Examiner's Amendment may not fully encompass the intended scope of claim 9. Further amendment to claim 9 and the addition of new claim 14 was discussed and the Examiner agreed that these amendments would not change the scope of the claims. Accordingly, claim 9 has been amended and new claim 14 has been added herein under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested at this time. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 9 has been amended and new claim 14 has been added under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 to ensure that the intended scope of originally filed claim 9 is maintained. Support for these amendments may be found with reference to originally filed claim 9, and the originally filed specification at page 4, first paragraph. Moreover, since amended claim 9 and new claim 14 each depend from independent claim 1, which has been allowed, Applicant asserts that these claims are in complete condition for allowance, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicant would appreciate early notice of the entry of this amendment.


Applicant does not believe that there is any fee due with submission of this amendment. However, if any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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